

As the only participant in the WA2XSY program in the Caribbean, I would like to echo the ARRL's position on the domestic allocation at 5.250 to 5.400 MHz. The only objection that I have to their proposal is that I believe there should be specific subbands for CW and digital modes. I would propose 5.250 to 5.275 for CW, 5.275 to 5.325 for digital and 5.325 to 5.400 for wideband (SSB, SSTV, etc.). My reason for objecting to their proposed use of the spectrum without any subbands is that it will be difficult to establish a comprehensive band plan once operation has started without one. The 60M (5MHz) band is quite noisy, and protected space within the allocation will encourage effective use of the digital modes without competition from the wideband modes.